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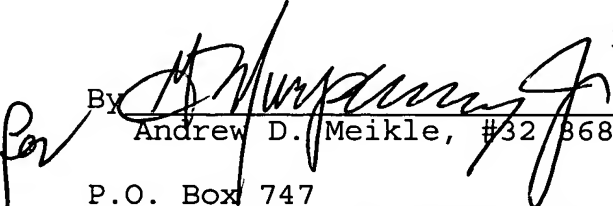
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	U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0064832 A1, published April 3, 2003, Ichikawa et al.
	U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0064828 A1, published April 3, 2003, Kato

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